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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CGEN, CASC, CDES
SUBJ: MISSING OR DOWNED AIRCRAFT

1. CONGRESSMAN BONKERS' OFFICE INTERESTED.

2. CONSULATE INFORMED OF DISAPPEARANCE OF CESSNA 150 N-777 AW AT 8:30 PM, MARCH 16, BY FRIENDS OF PILOT, TACOMA, WASHINGTON, BUSINESSMAN ARTHUR WING. FLIGHT PLAN FILED MAZATLAN AIRPORT HAD WING AND MEXICAN CITIZEN PASSENGER ARTURO LOPEZ DEPARTING MAZATLAN AT 9:16 AM MARCH 15, SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE DURANGO AT 11:46 AM. NO CONTACT WITH AIRCRAFT REPORTED AFTER ITS DEPARTURE FROM MAZATLAN.

ON MARCH 17, CONSULATE ASKED MAZATLAN AIRPORT COMMANDER TO HAVE ALL PLANES FLYING THIS ROUTE MAKE SEARCH. FRIENDS OF PILOT WING ASSISTED WITH PRIVATE AIRCRAFT.

CONSUL REPORTED INCIDENT TO DEFENSE ATTACHE AND SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICE IN EMBASSY ON MARCH 17 AND MARCH 20 IN EFFORTS TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL AID, ALSO DEA MAZATLAN WAS INFORMED AND REQUESTED SEEK AID FROM MEXICAN COUNTERPARTS. CONGEN MONTERREY ALSO NOTIFIED AND ASKED TO ENLIST SUPPORT OF DURANGO AUTHORITIES
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IN LOCATING MR. WING. NUMEROUS FALSE REPORTS RE AIRCRAFT SIGHTINGS WERE RECEIVED AND FOLLOWED THROUGH WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. SEVERAL WERE APPARENT HOAXES.

CONSULATE ALSO ENLISTED ASSISTANCE FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL'S HELICOPTERS AND MEXICAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN CULIACAN. ON MARCH 20, WING'S BROTHER, FIRST FAMILY MEMBER TO CONTACT CONSULATE,

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ARRIVED ACCOMPANIED BY A PILOT FRIEND WHO WAS PUT IN CONTACT
WITH SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE SAR AND ADVISED BY THEM THAT
APPROPRIATE AIRCRAFT FOR MOUNTAIN SEARCHING UNAVAILABLE.

3. SEARCH CONTINUES BY PRIVATE AIRCRAFT AND WILL BE CONCENTRATED
IN AREA BETWEEN LA CIUDAD AND DURANGO CITY. CONSUL HAS
ASSURANCES FROM FEDERAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN CULIACAN
THAT HELICOPTERS WILL CONTINUE PARTICIPATE IN SEARCH.

4. WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.
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